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May 27, 2004

Bill Storm
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
300 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: BLUE LAKE GENERATING PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT
DOCKET NO. 04-75-PPS-Xcel

Dear Mr. Storm:

During air quality permit discussions with the Pollution Control Agency staff it was discovered that the emissions data in Table 4 of the Environmental Assessment in the above referenced matter is incorrect. We have prepared and enclosed a corrected Table 4.

It appears the Environmental Assessment was prepared based on data presented in our original Certificate of Need and Site Permit Applications. During the discovery process in the Certificate of Need proceeding, the error was identified and revisions were made. Evidently the changes were not communicated to the EQB.

Table 4 presents a relative comparison of emissions from gas fired and oil fired combustion turbines as part of the alternatives analysis. The change does not influence the relative performance of the two alternatives. Gas fired combustion turbines have lower emissions of all of the pollutants estimated than oil fired turbines.

The change has no bearing on the Assessment's discussion of the potential air quality impacts of the proposed addition of two gas fired units at the Blue Lake Power Plant Site.

I apologize for the oversight. Please call me at (612) 330 6732 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Alders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Alders".

JAMES ALDERS
MANAGER REGULATORY PROJECTS

Enclosure

c: David Jacobson PUC

Table 4 NATURAL GAS & FUEL ESTIMATED AIR EMISSIONS DATA

Pollutant	Estimated Emission Rates (lbs/MWh)	
	Proposed Blue Lake Expansion Project	
	Natural Gas-Fired Simple Cycle	Oil-Fired Simple Cycle
SO ₂	0.03	0.51
NO _x	0.34	1.51
PM ₁₀	0.05	0.11
CO	0.17	0.37